In order to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds and pulses, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize" (ISOPOM) is being implemented since 01.04.2004.

Spurious pesticides

3670. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey to find out the estimated sale of spurious pesticides in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to curb the menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government has not conducted any survey to find out estimated sale of spurious pesticides in the country. However, analysis of pesticide samples for previous five years from 2004-05 to 2008-09 indicates that 2.42 to 3.54 percent of the samples analyzed were misbranded in terms of provisions of the Insecticides Act. 1968.

(c) Import, manufacture, sale transport, distribution and use of the insecticides is regulated under the Insecticides Rules, 1971.

Following steps have been taken to regulate the quality of pesticides:—

(i) Twenty one States and one Union Territory have set up 55 State Pesticides Testing Laboratories with analyzing capacity of 52,940 samples per annum.

(ii) Union Government has established two Regional Pesticides Testing Laboratories with analyzing capacity of 1,000 samples per annum for each laboratory to supplement the resources of the States.

(iii) Central Insecticides Laboratory has been established under section 16 of the Act to perform the statutory requirement of the referral analysis.

(iv) Government of India provides assistance to States Pesticides Testing Laboratories for procuring sophisticated equipment for proper analysis.

(v) Licensing authorities of State Agriculture Departments take action against the suppliers of the misbranded pesticides under provisions of Act, 1968.

Steps to achieve targets of production of foodgrains and pulses

†3671. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the increase in foodgrains production during the Tenth Five Year Plan, year-wise;

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